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By His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden. Esqr.
Captain General. Governor and Commander in Chief
in and over the State of Vermont
A. PROCLAMATION

Since it is from GOD we receive every blessing. it becomes us in a public and social manner to express our gratitude, by rendering to Him unfeigned Thanks and to raise our dutiful Benefaction

I have therefore thought proper to appoint. and by and with the advice of the Council. and at the request of the General Assembly. do hereby appoint Thursday. the first day of December next. to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving. Prayer. and Praise. throughout this State. And I hereby exhort the People of all religious denominations. to assemble on said day; and with unfeigned gratitude. to render praise to GOD. for all his benefits; particularly. for the measure of health we have enjoyed the year past; that our invaluable privileges. Civil and Religious. have been continued to us; and for the increase of knowledge, in the Arts and Sciences - For His Smiles on the Labours of the Husbandman. for the degree of prosperity which has attended our commerce - for the success which has attended our missions abroad, and our Councils at home; for the prosperity and success of our Allies; - And that we are in a State of general peace, and national prosperity; and, while our hearts glow with gratitude for His innumerable mercies, to lament before GOD the prevalence of profaneness. impiety, and dissoluteness of manners; entreating His to put a check to the same. and to grant that a general reformation may take place in our land - That expanded benevolence a regard to public justice an uncorrupted influence for Liberty. civil and religious. and for the practice of moral and social -

virtue, may universally prevail. To seek to him by fervent prayer that he would continue to us the blessings of peace, and guide and direct the administration of government — That he would still the tumult of nations and prevent the effusion of human blood. And that he would preside through the powers of the different, and cause that the rights of men, and of conscience, be every where enjoyed — And finally grant that the peaceable kingdom of the Great Redeemer may be extended through the Earth.

Given under my Hand, in the Council Chamber, at Rutland, this Twenty seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and the ~~twenty~~ twentieth year of our Independence.

Thomas Chittenden

By His Excellency's Command

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GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.